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**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

1. The amendment filed on 7/6/02 is considered non-compliant because it has not been submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000).

The amendment is non-compliant because the clean and marked up copies of the claims as required by 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(i) and 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(ii) provide different claim language (for example, compare the clean and marked up copies of claims 1-2 and 12).

Applicant is required to provide a new amendment to clearly establish the language of the pending claims.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. The Formal Drawings filed 11/15/02 have been approved by the Draftsman.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Roark, whose telephone number is (703) 605-1209. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached at (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 305-3014.

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